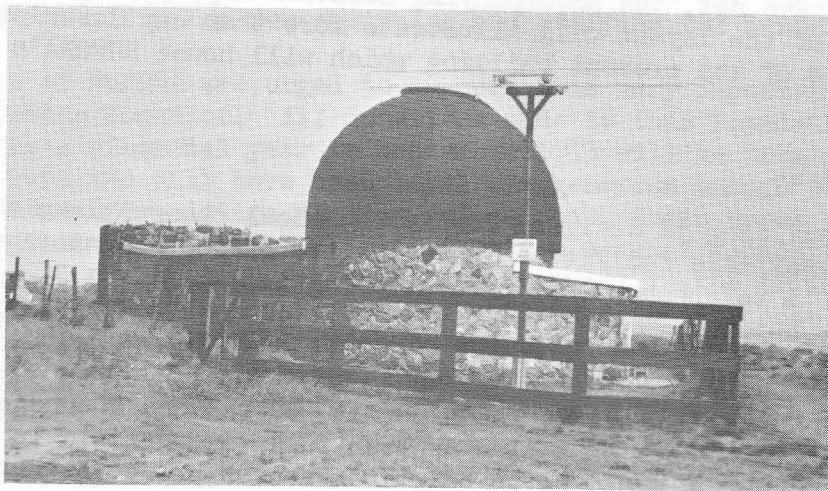


BUFORA'S RESEARCH HEADQUARTERS



Newchapel Observatory looking North and showing the 14' dia. dome which houses the 18" Newtonian reflecting telescope.

1. INTRODUCTION

At the recent Seminar held in North Staffordshire one of the most important decisions to come out of our extensive discussions was to establish a permanent Research H.Q. for the Association at Newchapel Observatory, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

This major decision at a significant stage in BUFORA's development was the result of a great deal of thought about our future and not least for consideration was the very necessary financial support required to carry through this ambitious venture.

Although the influx of UFO reports is at present at a moderate level, this is still a period for activity within BUFORA. Now is the time to prepare for the next 'spate' of sightings! With that in mind this circular is designed to explain the uniqueness of a Research H.Q. at the Observatory and to show how important its role could become as a focal point for future scientific research and investigation.

2. PRINCIPAL REASONS FOR RESEARCH H.Q. AT NEWCHAPEL OBSERVATORY

(1) The Observatory is a recognised scientific establishment with a national and international reputation in both astronomy and ufology. It was the subject of a short television documentary in 1967.

(2) The building has the advantage of being immediately available for use.

(3) The overheads and running costs are quite low.

(4) Geographically Newchapel Observatory is centrally situated in Great Britain and is approximately six miles from the M.6. and British Rail's Main Line Inter-City Service (Stoke Station.)

(5) The Director of Research, Anthony Pace and his brother Michael (a BUFORA member) are 'partners' in the Observatory. BUFORA's Chairman is also closely associated with the establishment.

3. ABOUT THE OBSERVATORY

Some members may already have a certain knowledge of Newchapel Observatory, but for the majority who have not, the accompanying location map, photograph of the building and diagram of the layout will illustrate more than any descriptive text, the type and purpose of the present building which will house BUFORA's Research H.Q.

4. USE AS THE RESEARCH H.Q.

(1) Although the building is designed for astronomical observations BUFORA will be able to use the available facilities including the office and storage space at a nominal rent. A telephone is at present being installed.
(Kidsgrove 5205 - Code 078-16.)
(Stoke-on-Trent)

(2) Hopefully early next Spring, if funds permit, BUFORA could engage a research assistant at Newchapel on a part-time or even full time basis! In general the main function of an assistant would be to help in research projects where part-time participation would replace 'spare time' research and enable us to attain far speedier results and conclusions in our studies. Other tasks such as answering the standard enquiries, operating a postal library service and general administration could be undertaken as and when the need for these arose.

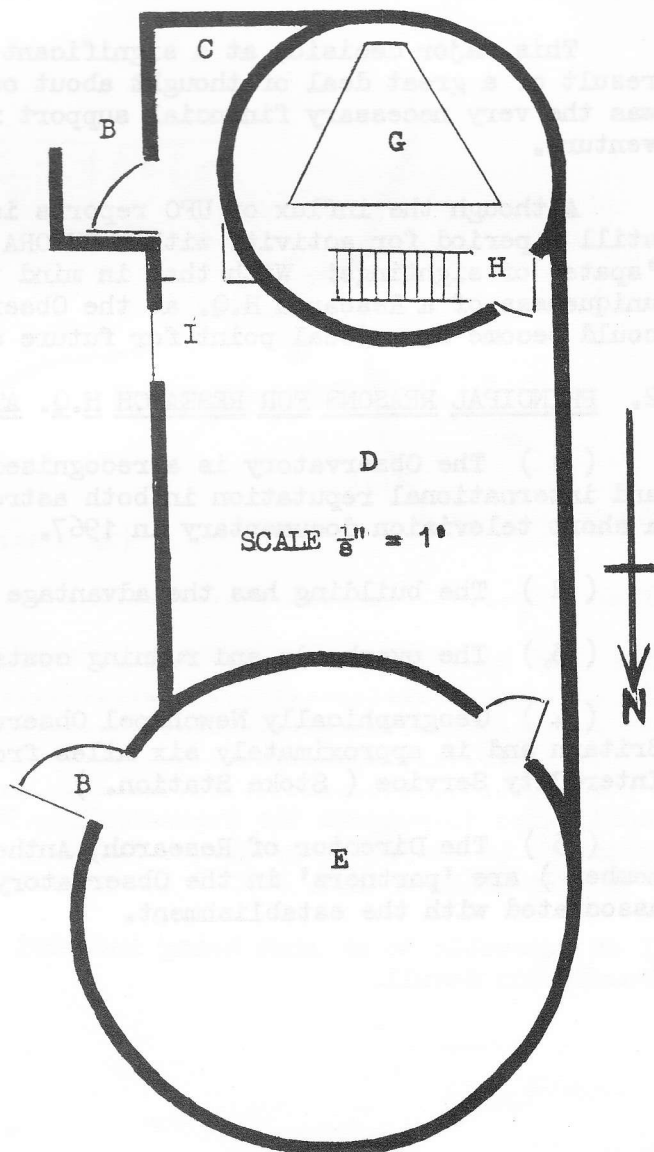
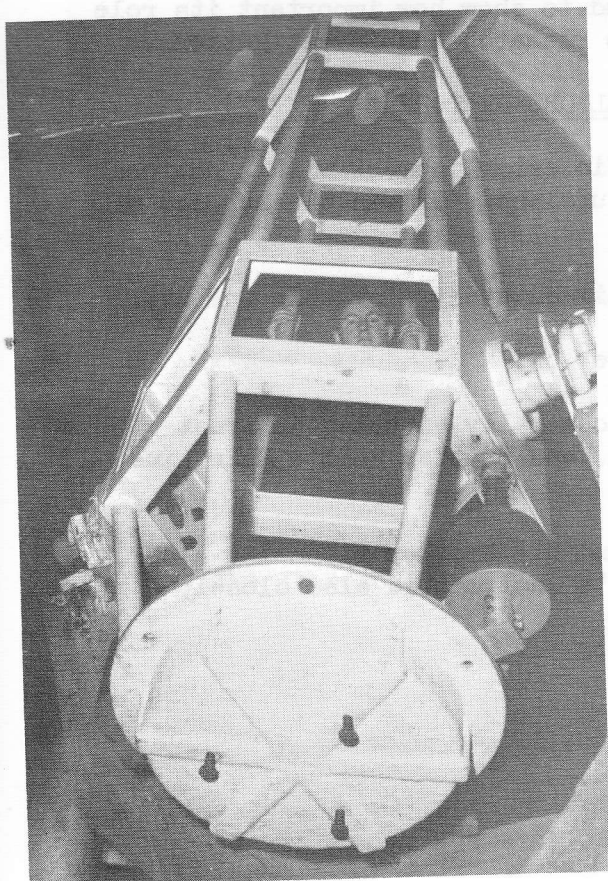
(3) The advantages of such a manned Research H.Q. cannot be over-emphasised. A permanent address and telephone number would help a great deal in raising our standing as the national scientific UFO research organisation. We feel that it would consolidate the present membership and act as a magnet for much needed new interest.

OBSERVATORY LAYOUT

B. ENTRANCES
C. STOREROOM
D. OFFICE
E. CIRCULAR WALL

F. 14" DIA. DOME.
G. 18" TELESCOPE
H. STAIRS.
I. WINDOW.

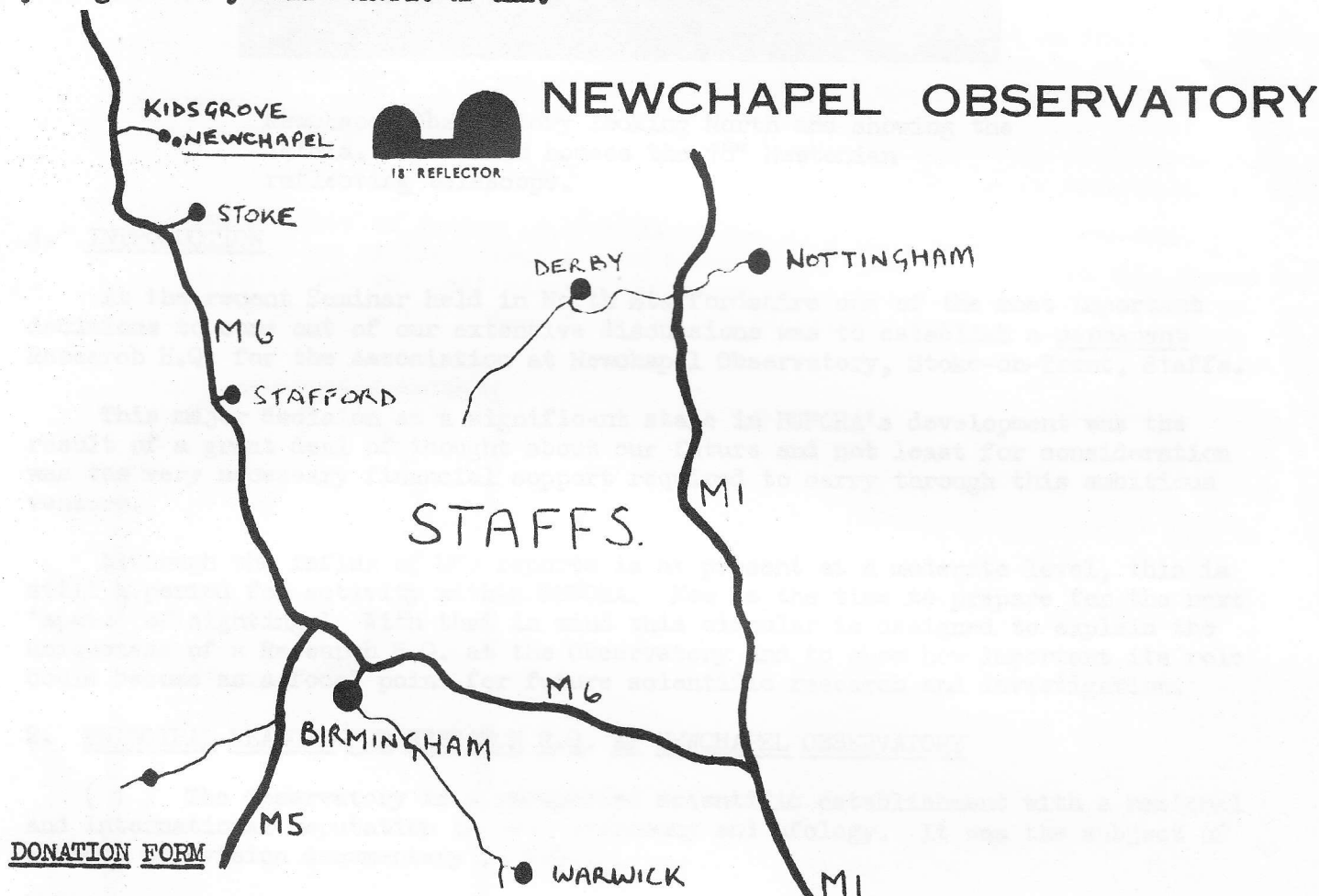
18" NEWTONIAN REFLECTOR



5. FOUNDATION FUND

A special Foundation Fund has been established with its own bank account to provide the necessary finance for equipping and staffing the Research Headquarters.

All members of BUFORA are urged to support this very important Foundation Fund through a Foundation Donation. All donations made to this Foundation Fund up to the end of BUFORA's financial year in September 1973 will be treated as Foundation Donations. Members who will have been loyal and generous enough to donate to this Fund will be known as Foundation Donors, and as such, their names (but not the amount of their donations) will be entered onto a special Foundation Scroll. This will be framed and hung permanently from the wall in the office at the Research Headquarters as a token of appreciation and gratitude to all those members who will have made a financial sacrifice in order to encourage and assist the furtherance of the Association's Aims and Objectives. Whether it be 10p, £10.-00., or £100.-00., your generosity will benefit us all.



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To: The Hon. Treasurer, BUFORA, A. West, 49 Mill Road, Burgess Hill, Sussex.

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would like to support the Research H.Q. Foundation Fund and I therefore have pleasure in enclosing my cheque for £ made payable to

" BUFORA RESEARCH H.Q. FUND " in respect of this.

I am agreeable to my name being included in the List of Foundation Donors on the Foundation Scroll.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Please return this form with your donation as soon as you can to The Hon. Treasurer at the above address.